

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2716

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Sections 30525 and 30804.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, and to amend Section 38792 of the Government Code, relating to dogs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2716, as introduced, Mendoza. Puppies: reduced licensing fee.

Existing law authorizes counties to issue dog licenses and dog license tags for a fee, as specified. Existing law provides that whenever dog license tags are issued, the tag shall be issued for $\frac{1}{2}$ or less of the fee required for a dog, if a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been spayed or neutered.

This bill would provide, in addition, for a reduced fee for a dog license tag, as specified above, if a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog is a puppy under the age of 8 months. The bill would make conforming changes to a related provision. By expanding the population of dogs eligible for a reduced license fee, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program on local government which would administer the expanded program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30525 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:
3 30525. Whenever a dog license tag is issued pursuant to this
4 division, the tag shall be issued for one-half or less of the fee
5 required for a dog, ~~if a~~ *under either of the following circumstances:*
6 (a) A certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian that
7 the dog has been spayed or neutered.
8 (b) *A certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating*
9 *that the dog is a puppy under the age of eight months.*
10 SEC. 2. Section 30804.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is
11 amended to read:
12 30804.5. Whenever dog license tags are issued pursuant to this
13 division, any ~~such~~ tag shall be issued for one-half or less of the
14 fee required for a dog, ~~if a certificate~~ *under either of the following*
15 *circumstances:*
16 (a) A certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian that
17 the dog has been spayed or neutered.
18 (b) *A certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating*
19 *that the dog is a puppy under the age of eight months.*
20 SEC. 3. Section 38792 of the Government Code is amended
21 to read:
22 38792. (a) The legislative body of a city may impose and
23 collect a license fee for a period not to exceed two years and not
24 exceeding the cost of services relating to dogs, including, but not
25 limited to, animal shelters and control and the programs specified
26 in Section 30652 of the Food and Agricultural Code, provided by
27 the city, on every dog owned or harbored within the city limits.
28 The license fee for spayed bitches and neutered males, *and puppies*
29 *certified by a licensed veterinarian to be under the age of eight*
30 *months*, shall not exceed 50 percent of the license fee otherwise
31 imposed.
32 (b) In addition to the authority provided in subdivision (a), the
33 legislative body of a city may impose and collect a license fee, as
34 described in subdivision (a), for a period not to exceed three years
35 for dogs that have attained the age of 12 months or older and have

1 been vaccinated. The person from whom the license fee is collected
2 pursuant to this subdivision may choose a license period as
3 established by the legislative body of up to one, two, or three years.
4 However, when imposing and collecting a license fee pursuant to
5 this subdivision, the license period shall not extend beyond the
6 remaining period of validity for the current rabies vaccination. The
7 license fee for spayed bitches and neutered males, under this
8 subdivision, shall not exceed 50 percent of the license fee otherwise
9 imposed.

10 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
11 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
12 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
13 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
14 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.